

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of September 7, 2010. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2010, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011." Oakel Hardy presented the Amended Salary Ordinance that was approved at last Council meeting which reflected a zero percent (0%) raise. Mayor Armstrong spoke of the need for a raise for city employees. Priscilla Scalf indicated she was also in favor of a four percent (4%) raise for city employees. Priscilla Scalf made a motion to amend the Amended Ordinance to include a four percent (4%) raise for all city employees. Motion died due to lack of a second. James Lienhoop made a motion to amend the Amended Ordinance to include a two percent (2%) raise for all city employees in 2011. George Dutro seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Amended Ordinance which includes a two percent (2%) raise. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2010, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2011." Oakel Hardy presented the Amended Ordinance for Salaries of Elected Officials that was approved at the last Council meeting which reflected a zero percent (0%) raise. Brief discussion followed. James Lienhoop made a motion to amend the Amended Ordinance to include a two percent (2%) raise for Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer and no change in salary for City Council members. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ ORDINANCE NO._____, 2010, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “PUD” (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO “RM” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)” United Way Rezoning - Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated the applicant, on behalf of a Cincinnati-based developer Miller Valentine, is proposing to rezone approximately 1.77 acres on the east side of Michigan Avenue, between 13th and 14th Street. The property is currently owned by the United Way of Bartholomew County. Miller Valentine proposes to construct an age 55 and over apartment building on the property. Jeff showed a power point presentation. Jeff indicated that on September 8, 2010, the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the application. It was forwarded to Council with a favorable recommendation with two (2) conditions. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ ORDINANCE NO._____, 2010, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I1” (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO “CCc” (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL WITH CONDITIONS) AND “AP” (AGRICULTURE PREFERRED)” Grooms & Smith Rezoning - Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated the applicants Dwight Grooms and Mark Smith own adjacent parcels of property at the northeast corner of the intersection of State Road 46 and County Road 220 East. The applicants wish to rezone the property in order to market the parcels to commercial tenants. The Plan Commission met on September 13, 2010 and reviewed the application. It was forwarded to Council with a favorable recommendation with eight (8) conditions. Jeff showed a power point presentation on the rezoning. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Ordinance with the following changes:

Under SECTION 2: Conditions (s)

6. All landscaping required on the property located at 4540 East State Street through prior conditional use case number C/CU-97-11 shall be restored to the property by June 1, 2011. No additional occupancy of the structure and/or property shall occur without the required landscaping being **present**. The word **present** should be changed to **replaced**.
7. The outdoor storage of signs and other materials on the property located at 4540 East State Street shall be made to comply with the requirements for such permanent outdoor storage in commercial zoning districts provided by the zoning ordinance. This shall be completed by June 1, 2011. No additional occupancy of the structure and/or property shall occur without the required fencing and landscaping being **present**. The word **present** should be changed to **placed**.

Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro made a motion to place the Amended Ordinance in proper

channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2010, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2011.” Oakel Hardy, budget coordinator for Mayor Armstrong, presented the budget for 2011. He indicated in light of the approved Salary Ordinance for 2011 and the Ordinance for Salaries of Elected Officials, the budget for 2011 was not correct. Oakel indicated there was a slight addition in the line item for workman’s compensation. Brief discussion followed. James Lienhoop made a motion to amend the budget for 2011 to include the two percent (2%) raises, workman’s compensation addition and also add \$716,496.00 to Capital Improvements in the General Fund. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. As a side note, James Lienhoop stated at some point in the beginning of the year 2011, it would be the Council’s intent to look at the possibility of reducing the sanitation fee by \$3.00 per month. He indicated that it would depend on how the final numbers for the city ended up for 2010. Ann DeVore moved to place the Amended Ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 6, 2010** at 6:00 o’clock P.M. in City Hall.
- C. Ann DeVore moved to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

City Clerk Treasurer